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Mr. David Chandler
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Dear David,

I've just gotten home from the trip on which I enjoyed the best coffee in your home. (It is also the only sweetened coffee I've enjoyed in years.)

After I left N.O. I remembered something of which I should have told you, but there never is enough time. If you have not been in touch with a former Indiana legislator, Roy Baker, perhaps you should. He has been fighting the Mafia for years, was ruined by it, and has what I am told are excellent records and files.

Larry Finley, Chicago Daily News (city desk, 312/321-2121) is perhaps the easiest of the means of reaching Baker. I spoke to Larry about this during a stopover in Chicago Sunday. He'll help you.

I look forward to getting the xeroxes of your notes as of the time of the King assassination and anything you may have on Lou Davis. I also heard the same report that week, but mine was not a dependable source. As I told you, a similar name was then flagged by the FBI. You may recall that Davis was one of the backers of Walker's march on Oxford, Miss., if some of those undependables who say he attempted to recruit them are to be believed.

If you will let me know approximately what weekend you may be here, I'll arrange to keep it entirely clear. Ordinarily we lead a quiet life of endless work. Occasionally some of the younger people interested in the JFK assassination come here weekends. They live closer and have more flexible schedules and lives.

Holland McCombs has the highest regard for you, was a gracious host for a pleasant lunch. I have sent him something he wanted for his own records, the FBI's investigation of how the Oswald property reached him and LIFE. The Bureau hadn't even given Henry Wade, Dallas DA, a copy, although they traced the "leak" to a former assistant DA.

Thanks for your kindnesses. I learned some things about Perry Russo that may interest you after I saw you. And I'd be much interested in anything you know. We had to have met Oswald and I never believed there had been this meeting at Perrie's.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg